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In re Application of:

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For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF 2-CYCLOHEXYL-2-HYDROXY-2-PHENYLACETIC ACID INTERMEDIATE THEREFOR AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

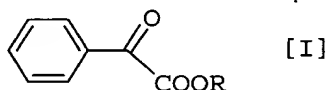
Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) A method for producing a compound of claim 1, which method comprising reacting a compound the formula [I]



wherein R is linear or branched chain alkyl having 1 to 15 carbon atom(s), which is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, norbornyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl and benzoylcarbonyloxy, or cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl or norbornyl, which is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of linear or branched chain alkyl having 1 to 15 carbon atom(s) and phenyl or an optically active form thereof, with cyclohexene in the presence of a Lewis acid.